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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: O/RR rewrite

1. We have read the rewrite based on the O/RR report as submitted. While the result is perhaps somewhat more readable, and the whole has been slightly shortened, the exactness of meaning has in some places been distorted. There are points (variously indicated in the margins) where the editor's professional desire to avoid stereotyped language has either compromised the intent or has fuzzed the meaning of the original.

2. We suggest that unless absolutely unavoidable editorial changes be restricted to major shifts in the order of material, where the coherence and flow of the report make this desirable, and to the minimum word and phrase changes required to make the material understandable to the lay reader. If the originator's phrasing conveys the meaning clearly, even if not elegantly, it is dangerous, especially in view of the time factors involved, to substitute different wording, particularly where ignorance of the detailed considerations creates a likelihood of error.

3. We assume of course that in the interest of accuracy, even minor rewrites will be submitted to the originating office for a final clearance.

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